

# Kinship Care





### Eligibility and **Documentation Requirements**

Kinship caregivers - adults who are raising relatives' children in their own homes - can often qualify for wraparound services, which provide funding for short-term or one-time expenses such as furniture, moving costs, housing, legal fees, and respite care.

To qualify for wraparound subsidies, kinship caregivers must prove they are relatives or legal guardians of the children and that the children live with them. Financial eligibility depends on the kinship caregiver's age and the size and income of the family unit. Caregivers must show proof of age and income.

#### **Documents that can help prove** eligibility for kinship care benefits include:

- birth, death and marriage certificates
- driver's licenses
- employment records
- census records
- medical records
- religious records
- school records
- court records (including child custody information)
- immigration and naturalization papers
- records of public or private welfare agencies

Need assistance? **Reach the Kinship Navigator** toll-free through 2-1-1



**NJ Department of Human Services** Jon S. Corzine, Governor





## **Income Limits**

For caregivers under age 60 and employed; or under age 60, unemployed and disabled:

* FAMILY SIZE	MAXIMUM INCOME
2	\$ 49,000
3	61,600
4	74,200
5	86,800
6	99,400

For each additional family member, add \$12,600 \* Family size should count all members of the household, including the relative child.

#### For kinship caregivers age 60 or older:

* FAMILY SIZE	MAXIMUM INCOME
2	\$ 70,000
3	88,000
4	106,000
5	124,000
6	142,000

For each additional family member, add \$18,000 \* Family size should count all members of the household, including the relative child.